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Joan Tanaka, Chief
Remedial Response Branch #1
USEPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Gary Development Landfill – Response of United States Steel Corporation to
General Notice Letter dated July 25, 2013

Ms. Tanaka:

United States Steel Corporation (U. S. Steel) respectfully declines to participate in on-going negotiations concerning response activities at the Gary Development Landfill.

The “nexus” documents that are enclosed with the General Notice Letter were referenced by U. S. Steel in our response of January 26, 2012, to the Section 104(e) Information Request. In our response, U. S. Steel maintained that the documents were devoid of any information to indicate how U. S. Steel became identified as a waste generator of Gary Development Landfill. Further, there was no factual basis to establish that U. S. Steel had a connection to the Gary Development Landfill Site, such as manifests, invoices, trip tickets, correspondence or witness statements. Since submitting our response to the Section 104(e) Information Request, U. S. Steel has not received additional information about alleged involvement with the Gary Development Landfill Site.

U. S. Steel would be willing to reconsider our position and participate in negotiations if USEPA were to provide us with credible information to establish a nexus to the Site.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew G. Thiros

cc: Jeffrey Cahn, Associate Regional Counsel